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SUBJ: LOS: THIRD COMITE POLLUTION WORKING GROUP-19 APRIL

SUMMARY: THE THIRD COMITE WORKING GROUP ON PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT MET IN A MORNING SESSION ONLY. THE DISCUSSION WAS CONFINED TO ARTICLE 41 OF THE POLLUTION TEXT. THE CHAIR CANCELLED THE AFTERNOON MEETING TO PERMIT THE DISCUSSION OF VESSEL-SOURCE POLLUTION ISSUES TO CONTINUE IN PRIVATE MEETINGS. END SUMMARY.

1. THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT EXPRESSED FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ARTICLE COVERING RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION SECTION OF THE LOS TEXT. CANADA SUPPORTED BY THE DENMARK, TRINIDAD TOBAGO, MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF USING THE CONCEPT OF THE LIABILITY ARTICLE (ART. 35) IN THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TEXT AS A REPLACEMENT FOR ART. 41. WHILE SUPPORTING THIS CONCEPT THE

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US EXPRESSED CONCERN WITH THE IDEA THAT PROCEEDINGS

WOULD BE GOVERNED BY THE LAW OF THE COASTAL STATE.

2. THERE WAS ALSO DISCUSSION AS TO HOW MUCH DETAIL SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE ARTICLE. MOROCCO, INDIA, SPAIN, NEW ZEALAND AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ARGUED FOR EXTENSIVE DETAIL. THE US DENMARK, UK FINLAND AND USSR DID NOT SUPPORT EXTENSIVE DETAIL.

3. THE CHAIRMAN WILL PROBABLY HOLD SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON ART. 41 AS SUGGESTED BY MOROCCO.

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